

1 that will be voted on first.

2 Is there any further discussion?

3 Delegate Johnson.

4 DELEGATE JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman and Fellow
5 Delegates: The right of removal in civil cases and for
6 that matter the right of removal in criminal cases is
7 one of the most fundamental and I submit one of the most
8 important rights that an individual has when called upon
9 to be faced with the Courts in this State. I have already
10 been told that this right ~~is a right that~~ has been in
11 our Constitution for over a hundred years. It appears in
12 Section 7 of Article 2.

13 I submit that the proponents of this measure
14 to remove this particular section from our Constitution
15 know full well the likelihood that in all probability they
16 will in effect be doing away with the right of removal in
17 either civil or criminal cases.

18 I ask you to consider with me the following
19 prospects. We have been told that the citizens of this
20 State shall not have any say in the selection of their
21 judges. We have been told that the citizens of this State